

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year provides the opportunity to highlight the Department of Land and Natural Resource's preservation efforts including its theme, "Year of Historic Preservation," in honor of the 100th anniversary of The Antiquities Act of 1906; and

WHEREAS, in the venerable words of Mark Twain, Hawai'i is "the loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean"; and

WHEREAS, legislators from both the Senate and House have joined in a bi-partisan effort to form our state's first ever Heritage Caucus, acknowledging the great importance of heritage to our islands economy, children, education and the vitality of our people and local communities; and

WHEREAS, various groups in Hawai'i are committed to preserving and encouraging the preservation of buildings, objects and sites relating to the history of Hawai'i and promoting an awareness of what is historically significant and architecturally distinctive in our state; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this effort is to keep these buildings, objects and sites intact for the enrichment of present and future generations in order to appreciate the inherent beauty of Hawai'i and its history. along with its unique role in the development of the Pacific Basin; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i was discovered by Polynesian settlers between the third and seventh centuries A.D., and then by British Captain Cook in 1778 and is a string of 137 islands in the north central Pacific Ocean approximately 2,400 miles from the west coast of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i became the nation's 50th state on August 21, 1959; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to preserve Hawai'i's uniqueness for the growing tourist industry, which accounts for the largest part of the state's economy, as well as to preserve its cultural identity for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation includes revitalization of business districts and neighborhoods, heritage tourism and economic development by small businesses, communities and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, those who participate understand historic preservation is much more than buildings alone, historic preservation is about people; their wellbeing and healthy communities; and

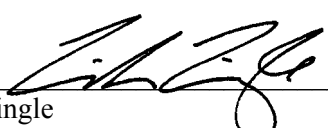
WHEREAS, May 1, 2006 is the start of the Historic Preservation Awareness Celebration at the State Capitol, and is the first day of National Historic Preservation Month,

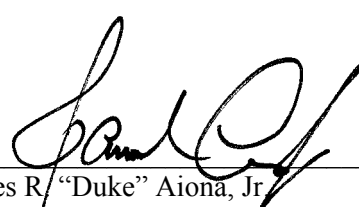
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2006, as

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARENESS DAY

in Hawai'i, and urge our citizens to recognize the importance of preserving our state's unique character and sense of place.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i